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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR TO THE WEST PENWITH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1956

TO WHICH IS APPENDED THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION) PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

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The Public Health Committee consists of all Members of the Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (TECHNICAL)

Medical Officer of Health (Dr. D.L. Johnson) M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
(Appointed March 1956)

Senior Public Health Inspector (J.W. Hitchens) M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector (F. Marsh) M.A.P.H.I.
(Resigned - March 1956)

Additional Public Health Inspector (W.G. Stevenson) M.R.S.H.
(Appointed - July 1956)

WEST PENWITH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
38 Chapel Street,
Penzance.

To the Chairman and Members of the
West Penwith Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In presenting the Annual Report of my Department for the year 1956, I should like to record my appreciation of the way in which both members and staff helped me in getting to know my way about, when I joined the Authority in March. The most urgent task at the outset was to co-ordinate my duties through a central health office and this has been done with some success, while preserving the fact that the four Local Sanitary Authorities exist as such independently of one another, and of the County Council. Working for five Authorities at one and the same time has its snags and anxious moments, but I think my first impression, that the advantages of this system outweigh the disadvantages, will be confirmed.

The epidemic of measles which began in late 1955 spread rapidly throughout the district and most of the 363 cases actually notified occurred in the first quarter of the year: the epidemic did not die out until late August.

One of the two cases of paralytic poliomyelitis in the Land's End Area occurred in this district at the height of the holiday season. Fortunately, there were no further cases. Early in the year the Minister of Health announced a nation-wide vaccination scheme against this disease and its detailed organisation in this Area was delegated by the County Medical Officer to me, as Area Medical Officer - just another example of the overlap of interests where public health is concerned. Due to extremely limited supplies of vaccine, the scheme got away to a very modest start. On Ministry instructions registration was only offered to children born between 1947 and 1954, and then only children born in certain months were selected for immunisation. In the Land's End Area 1,098 children were registered but by the end of the year only 120 had completed a course of two injections. Of these 41 were from the Rural District - a small, but hopeful beginning.

In referring Members to Mr. Hitchen's Report in the pages that follow, I should like to stress the amount of routine work done, despite staff shortage, all directed to the prevention of disease and the improvement of the environment of the population. The work done in encouraging owners to provide septic tanks to the dwellings on Gwithian Towans is a very good example of this.

The new Food Hygiene Regulations make it possible to help and advise food handlers on the standards they must attain, and clean, safe food handled in clean, safe surroundings is particularly important in a popular holiday area such as ours. Unfortunately, during the year under review, it was not possible to follow up these Regulations by a detailed survey of the premises involved. Even when the Sanitary Inspector staff was restored to its full establishment of two by the appointment of Mr. Stevenson there was more than enough other work already in hand.

D.L. JOHNSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION
1956

1. Estimated Population 17,430
2. Area 59,792
3. Rateable Value ... ... - £136,133
4. Product of 1d Rate £256,11.6
5. No. of Inhabited Houses.(Estimated) ... 6,391
6. Live Births — Male. 115 — Female 110 — Total. 225
   Rate per 1000 Population 12.9.
7. Still Births — Male. 2 — Female 5 — Total. 7
   Rate per 1000 Total Births 30.2
8. Total Deaths — Male 127 — Female 124 — Total. 251
   Rate per 1000 Population 14.4
9. Infant Deaths — Male. 1 — Female 4 — Total. 5
   Rate per 1000 Live Births 22.2
10. Maternal Deaths — Female 1 — Total 1

TABLE OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	5	1	6
Lung, Bronchus	1	-	1
Uterus ...	-	2	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	12	15	27
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	-	1	1
Diabetes ...	-	2	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	18	16	34
Coronary Disease, Angina ...	13	15	28
Hypertension with Heart Disease ...	2	3	5
Other Heart Disease ...	24	37	61
Other Circulatory Disease ...	6	7	13
Influenza. ...	1	1	2
Pneumonia. ...	5	3	8
Bronchitis ...	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3	-	3
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	4	-	4
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	2	-	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	6	-	6
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	-	1	1
Congenital Malformations ...	1	1	2
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	8	11	19
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	-	1	1
All Other Accidents ...	14	4	18
Suicide ...	1	1	2

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Heart Disease	94
Cancer	36
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	34
Other Circulatory Disease	13

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1956 on the work of the Health Department.

One of the difficult factors with which the Council was faced was the acquisition of an alternative refuse disposal site but after long and difficult negotiations, a suitable area was secured in the St. Erth Parish. Unfortunately this led to a break with the St. Ives Corporation who had utilized the Gwithian Tip with us for many years.

Much preliminary work was carried out on the proposed five-year programme on Housing but detailed reports etc. were delayed owing to the four months' time lost between the departure of Mr. Marsh and the appointment of Mr. Stevenson.

A long outstanding improvement to the sanitary conditions of the huts on Gwithian Towans was commenced and is still continuing.

The interest of the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee was much appreciated and I am grateful for the co-operation of the Staff of this department and the willing advice and assistance of members of all other departments.

Signed J.W. Hitchens,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

1. CLEANSING SERVICES

Vehicles - 3 No.Dennis 10 cu.yd. 1 No.5 cwt.Van.
1 No. Bristol. 25 Angledozer.

Personnel - Charge Hand ..... 1.
Refuse Collectors .. 6.
Tip Attendants ..... 2.
Street Orderlies.... 2.
Part Time Labourers. 2.

Negotiations on the acquisition of the St. Erth Causeway site as a new refuse tip proved difficult and prolonged chiefly on the grounds of dealing with the surface water from the County Council road adjoining the site. Surface water has for a long period discharged on to the field we wished to acquire, the level of which is slightly below road level and with the reclamation of this land to a depth of approximately 6 ft. either provision must be made for piping under the reclaimed area to discharge direct to the main river via an existing culvert through the new river embankment; or the existing ditch and culverts draining the road should be regraded and relaid to discharge into an existing water course now taking the run off from Water Lane. The main difficulties in dealing with the former alternative were the question of costs together with liability for maintenance of the system when the whole of the land was reclaimed and handed back to the owner. In the case of the second alternative and notwithstanding a contribution from the County Council towards the capital costs, the expense to the Council would still have been higher than what they considered economical.

In view of these circumstances therefore, further efforts were made to secure another site and negotiations were commenced in June for the acquisition of two sites at Battery Mills which could have been developed economically and practically for several years. Matters were progressing favourably and plans were put in hand for Closing down Gwithian by the end of the year but difficulties arose here also on the question of boundaries which were then disputed and as it was apparent that a settlement was not likely within a space of time now left for continuation at the quickly diminishing site at Gwithian, further efforts were made to find another site to meet our requirements. A survey and report was then presented on land at Trewinnard, St. Erth, resulting in negotiations being opened for the use of this land and which like the previous sites constituted reclamation of land for future agricultural needs. In this case the matter progressed smoothly and the site was put into operation in 1957.

Also in anticipation of our move from Gwithian, for improved efficiency and for reduction of our personnel or increase in salvage revenue a new Bristol angledozer was purchased. To demonstrate the equipment, two firms specializing in this type of machinery operated on the same day at Gwithian for disposal purposes and at the Causeway site for stripping and stacking top soil for future finishing operations. In view of the indecision on the acquisition of this Causeway site, the purchase of a scraper was deferred at that time. Throughout the negotiations for the various sites, St. Ives Corporation who were joint users with us at Gwithian were kept informed and Joint Committees held from time to time and at no time due to the numerous delays were the activities of the Corporation or this Council prejudiced as a result except in a very minor degree.

A further fire on the tip resulting from burning material in the area by persons unknown occurred during the Summer and which naturally caused some concern was brought under control by mechanical aid and no further trouble was experienced for the rest of the year.

The preparation of the new refuse disposal site at Trebehor for use of the Western part of this district was completed ready for occupation early in the new year and the gradual closing down of the reclaimed land over which we had spread top soil was commenced.

A market was found for reclaimed bottles from the tip face and over 9,000 were sold together with over 8 tons of rags, wool and non ferrous metal and from which an income of £262. was brought to account. Iron scrap was not salvaged chiefly due to the personnel position and the anticipated move from the Gwithian site at short notice, however, it is proposed to institute the recovery of metal from the Trewinnard site as soon as practicable in accordance with the wishes of the Ministry as a National asset.

A new 10 cu.yd. diesel vehicle was purchased during the year to replace an old 7 cu.yd. vehicle which was taken over by the Water Department to act as a water tanker.

The village of Roseworthy with twelve houses in our district had a refuse collection service instituted by arrangement with Camborne-Redruth U.D.C. who operate a regular collection for that part of the village within their area on payment at the rate of 1/- per bin per week.

A total of 3,563 loads were disposed of at Gwithian tip representing 1,150 by West Penwith, 2,014 loads by St. Ives Borough and 399 from Industrial and Commercial undertakings. Trebehor tip catered for 161 loads.

Both tips have been disinfested against rats on numerous occasions. The gully emptier service which was introduced in 1955 for our district continued to work satisfactorily and during the year 88 requisitions were made on us and complied with, the great majority of which were carried out without undue delay and inconvenience and during normal working hours. Rarely now do we get complaints of poor service.

2. MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Details of the numbers of animals killed and inspected during the year together with condemnations are given in Appendix "D"

No difficulties are experienced at the slaughterhouses with condemnations, and diseased or inedible meat is surrendered voluntarily by the managements without the formalities of seizure.

As anticipated in the last Annual Report, the amount of overtime spent at slaughterhouses has been substantially reduced owing chiefly to the necessity of keeping animals killed at nights until the following morning for grading purposes under dead weight certification. Our visits outside normal working hours are therefore 97 as against 220 last year. Assistance was given to both St. Just U.D.C. and St. Ives Borough during their Inspectors' holiday periods.

As in previous years, three only of the four licensed slaughterhouses were in constant use and although much is required to comply with standards already put forward by the Inter-departmental Committee Report of 1955 until Regulations have been adopted, neither the managements nor the Council are clear on how to plan for the future. It is hoped that regulations will not depart too far from the Committee Report and that they will not be unduly delayed.

The Council received a petition relating to one of the licensed slaughterhouses and resolved to take no action at that juncture.

3. KNACKERS YARDS.

One new Knackers Yard at Hayle was built during the year to replace an older one and it was completed in accordance with the Council's Byelaws which came into force in September, 1956.

4. WATER SUPPLIES

Samples taken throughout the year (details Appendix "C") were in the main satisfactory and where unsatisfactory results were reported, action was taken by way of investigation and remedy. With a number of public wells and small local schemes in existence where possibility of pollution was evident, notices to boil were fixed. In a number of cases, particularly village wells where unsatisfactory results are regular, such notices will remain until a more satisfactory mains supply is available.

Numerous samples and advice has been given to owners of privately owned water supplies and in most cases works of improvement have resulted in a purer supply. Again particularly with regard to well supplies, the cleaning and surface protection together with the use of unglazed porcelain type filters have been found to be justified.

5. HUTTED SITES.

There are two large sites in the area, one at Riviere Towans, Hayle and the other at Gwithian Towans.

In the case of Riviere Towans, agreement was reached between the owners and the Council not to exceed a maximum of 300 huts. The use of these properties is subject to an agreement with the ground owners one condition of which is their seasonal occupation only. The system of sewage disposal is by use of chemical systems which by arrangement with the owner and by means of a tank vehicle, the contents are taken away periodically for final disposal into an Otway Pit which is properly covered and fenced in. Water supplies are by means of standpipes through the site and refuse removal is catered for by the Council during the Summer months.

In the case of Gwithian Towans, a large number of the properties are occupied all the year round and as a result the Council decided that each property should have a proper water supply and drainage arrangements. There is a mains water supply available and notwithstanding that septic tank systems could not in the large majority of cases be installed far from the dwellings some 59 systems were installed during the year. Because of the limited space available to each hut necessitating close septic tanks, the alternative method of sewage disposal frequently resulted in the indescriminate dumping over the Cliffs and on the sand banks giving rise to numerous complaints, therefore, although the present arrangements are not ideal, they are far better than those which existed previously. In dealing with some 93 properties without satisfactory services, the clearance of all will naturally take some time.

6. LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

The Council gave some serious thought to the question of lifesaving equipment along its many bathing places and as a result some new up-to-date equipment recommended by the Royal Lifesaving Society was purchased together with some modified reels. According to the circumstances we have now either/or combinations of these and the usual lifebelts around our coast as follows:-

Gwithian	-	2 Lifebelts, 1 R.L.S.
Hayle	-	2 Lifebelts, 3 R.L.S. 1 Reel.
Sennen Cove	-	2 Lifebelts, 2 R.L.S. 1 Reel.
Lands End	-	1 Lifebelt.
Nanjizal	-	1 Lifebelt.
Porthchapel	-	1 Lifebelt.
Pedn-Vounder	-	1 Lifebelt, 1 Reel.
Porthcurno	-	1 Lifebelt, 1 R.L.S.
Long Rock	-	1 R.L.S.
Marazion	-	3 Lifebelts, 1.R.L.S.
Perranuthnoe	-	1 R.L.S.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

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PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of:- Written Notices	Number of:- Occupiers Prosecuted
i. Factories in which Secs.1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	19	1	1	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	64	4	2	-
iii. Other Premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total -	83	5	3	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:-

Particulars	Found.	Remedied.	To H.M.Inspector.	By H.M.Inspector.	No.of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
Sanitary (S.7) Conveniences					
(a) insufficient	3	2	-	1	-

= PART V111 etc.

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of Outworkers etc.	No.of Cases etc.	No. of Prosecutions etc.	No.of Instances etc.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions.
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	10	-	-	-	-	-
Total	10	-	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX A.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Corrected Notifications)

1956

DISEASE	PENZANCE BOROUGH	ST.IVES BOROUGH	WEST PENWITH RURAL DISTRICT	ST.JUST URBAN DISTRICT
Scarlet Fever	2	-	3	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	1	-
Poliomyelitis - Paralytic.	-	1	1	-
Measles.	210	101	363	42
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	-	-	6	1
Tuberculosis - Respiratory.	12	5	8	4
Other.	1	-	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	3	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.	3	-	-	1
Erysipelas.	-	-	1	-
Paratyphoid.	-	-	-	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

1956

AREA	Number of Children who completed a Full Course of Immunisation in 1956.			Number of Children Receiving Refresher Doses.
	Under 5.	5-14	Total.	
PENZANCE	213	33	246	298
ST. IVES.	72	17	89	296
WEST PENWITH R.D.	192	19	211	297
ST. JUST U.D.	36	3	39	114

APPENDIX B.

TUBERCULOSIS — NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS FOR 1956

		Number on Register at 31.12.56	1 - 5.		5 - 15.		15 - 20.		20 - 25.		25 - 35.		35 - 45.		45 - 65.		Over 65		Total	
PENZANCE																				
Pulmonary	M.	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	(1)	2	-	1	(3)	-	(1)	7	(5)
	F.	63	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	(1)	-	-	5	(1)
Non-Pul.	M.	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F.	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEST PENWITH																				
Pulmonary	M.	52	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	(1)	1	-	4	(1)
	F.	51	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Non-Pul.	M.	15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F.	15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
ST. JUST																				
Pulmonary.	M.	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	(3)	3	(3)
	F.	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Non-Pul.	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ST. IVES																				
Pulmonary.	M.	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	(1)	2	(1)
	F.	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Non-Pul.	M.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

( ) = Deaths.

Total Notifications - 32
Total Deaths - 11.

APPENDIX "C"

WATER SUPPLIES

Name of Parish	Est. Population (Last Census figures).	R.V. Dec. 1956	Type of Public Supply.	Properties from main direct to houses.	By means of standpipes.	Samples Untreated.	Chlorinated.	Chlorinated & Filtered.	Results Sat.	Results Unsat.
Gwinear.	1869)	4,196	M)	460	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gwithian.	)	4,679	M)							
Hayle.	4616	48,941	M.	1,605	284	1	-	1	2	-
Ludgvan.	2533	12,282	S.M.	313	74	3	10	-	10	3
Madron.	1366	6,919	S.M.	112	18	1	-	-	1	-
Marazion)	1293	10,925	M.	481	Nil	1	3	-	3	-
St. Michael's Mount)	52	815	M.	24	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Morvah.	72	288	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-
Paul.	287	1,143	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-
Perranuthnoe.	886	5,954	S.M.	63	92	5	-	-	5	-
Sancreed.	589	3,234	S.M.	26	5	1	-	-	1	
St. Buryan.	1072	5,402	S.M.	100	8	4	-	-	4	-
St. Erth.	1066	5,027	S.M.	87	10	-	-	1	1	-
St. Levan.	638	4,674	S.M.	12	Nil.	1	-	-	1	-
St. Hilary.	682	2,782	W.	Nil.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-
Sennen.	692	5,476	S.M.W.	66	Nil.	9	-	-	5	4
Towednack.	294	1,514	S.M.W.	28	Nil.	-	1	-	1	-
Zennor.	257	1,367	W.	Nil.	Nil.	1	-	-	1	-

M - Main Supply. S - Standpipe Supply. W.- Well Supply.

APPENDIX "D"

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART 1956

	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed (if known)	296	959	5541	1395	7667	Nil.
Number inspected	296	959	5541	1395	7667	Nil.
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci.						
Whole carcases condemned	Nil.	2	4	Nil.	8	Nil.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	59	238	12	113	808	Nil.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	19.9	25.0	0.3	8.1	10.6	Nil.
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	Nil.	21	5	Nil	7	Nil.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	26	230	11	Nil	264	Nil.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	8.8	26.2	0.3	Nil	3.5	Nil.
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Generalised and totally condemned.	Nil	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

No. of visits made to slaughterhouses - 900.

Total weight of meat and offals rejected as being unfit for human consumption:- 15 tons 6 cwt. 11 lbs.

Other food rejected as unsound - 63 lbs.

APPENDIX "E"

HOUSING 1956

Official Representations made	...	20.
Closing Orders made	...	23
Undertakings accepted not to relet	...	11
Demolition Orders made	...	3
Houses demolished	...	1
Houses made fit informally	...	2
Number of new houses provided during the year :-	...	
(a) By Local Authority	...	54
(b) By Private Enterprise	...	18
Grants under Section 20 Housing Act 1949		
(a) Approved	...	37
(b) Completed	...	59

Appendix "F"

INSPECTIONS MADE UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH & HOUSING ACTS

Dwellinghouses inspected	...	199
Visits re Drainage	...	78
" " Food Premises	...	29
" " Water Supplies	...	33
" " Moveable Dwellings	...	13
" " Refuse Tips	...	44
" " Rodent Control	...	12
" " Sewage Works	...	21
" " Streams and Leats	...	2
" " Public Conveniences	...	14
" " Housing Applications	...	44
" " Nuisances	...	24
" " Factories	...	8
" " Complaints	...	8
" " Section 4 Advances	...	12
" " Infectious Diseases	...	1
" " Knackers' Yards	...	2
Houses disinfected	...	2
Statutory Notices Served	...	3
Complied with	...	3

Licences issued

Site Licences for Moveable Dwellings	...	15
Individual Licences for Moveable Dwellings		28
Slaughtermen's Licences	...	18
Knackers Yards & Slaughterhouses	...	7
Milk	...	32 (17 Pasteurised & 15 T.T.)

Registrations

Premises under Food and Drugs Act	...	90
Dairies under Milk & Dairies Regs.	...	14

Food Premises

Butchers	...	14
Bakers	...	1
Fish Friers	...	8
Fruiterers	...	7
School Canteens & Servories.	...	16
Factory Canteens	...	6
Confectioners	...	14
Grocers	...	77
Wet Fish Shops	...	1
Cafes & Snack Bars	...	28
Licensed Premises	...	38
Hotels & Boarding Houses	...	13

PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICER AND PORT HEALTH INSPECTOR.

FOR THE YEAR 1956

Section 1 - Staff.

Table "A"

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualification.	Any other appointment held.
P.E. Morris.	Port Health Medical Officer.	1st April, 1952.	M.B. Ch.B.	Police Surgeon. Certifying Factory Dr.
J.W.Hitchens.	Port Health Inspector.	1st October, 1952.	San. Inspec. Cert. Meat & Foods Inspec. Cert.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.	Chief Public Health Inspect. West Penwith R.D.C.

Address and Telephone Number of Port Medical Officer of Health:- "Bonear",Hayle 2315.

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year.

Table "B"

Ships from	Numbers	Tonnage	Number Inspected By M.O.H.	Number Inspected By S.I.	No. of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
Foreign Ports.	6	1167	6	NIL	NIL
Coastwise.	422	94,001	33	NIL	NIL
Total	428	95,168	39	NIL	NIL

Section III - Character of Shipping and trade during the year.

Passenger Traffic (Number of passengers INWARDS - Nil.
(Number of passengers OUTWARDS - Nil.

Cargo Traffic (Principal Imports ... Coal, Oil, Timber, Sulphur Cement.
(Principal Exports ... Scrap Steel, Boxed Fuses.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive.. Barry, Port Talbot, Fawley, Avonmouth, Mersey Ports, Goole, Blyth, River Thames, Belfast, Baltic Timber Ports.

Section IV. Inland Barge Traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil.

Section V. Water Supply.

(1) Source of supply for (a) the district	...	mains supply from Mellanear filtered and chlorinated.
(b) shipping	...	supply pipes taken through the docks with water points at intervals at dock side.
(2) Reports of tests for contamination	...	Nil.
(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes	...	Covered.
(4) Number and sanitary conditions of water boats and powers of control by the Authority	...	Nil.

Section VI. Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952

(1) List of infected Areas (Reg.6)	- Weekly records of Quarantinable Diseases are now received and amendment of the list made monthly. This information is supplied to Pilots and Customs Officers.
(2) Radio Messages	- This is not a radio transmitting or receiving Port but arrangements are made with the dock owners to forward any radio messages they may receive in connection with infectious diseases.
(3) Notifications otherwise than by radio	- Arrangements made with Pilots and Customs Officers for notification and despatch of "Declarations of Health".
(4) Mooring Stations	- Stations have with approval of Harbour Master and Customs Officers been sited in the bay.
(5) Arrangements for:- (a) Hospital Accommodation for infectious diseases.	- County Isolation Hospital, Truro, through No.1 Health Area Office, Penzance.
(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts	- Through normal channels of Public Health Department of Rural District Council & No.1 Health Area Office.
(c) Cleansing and Disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.	- Disinfection of ships carried out under direction of Port Health Inspector. No facilities for personal cleansing. Clothing etc. steam disinfected at West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance, by arrangement.

Section VII - Smallpox.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which cases are sent from the district.	- Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard.
(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance etc.	- Contact Dr. Pierson, M.O.H.Plymouth, or Plymouth Ambulance Bureau (Tel. No. Plymouth 4101).
(3) Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available.	- Dr. W.A.Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth. (Tel.No. Plymouth 5701) Dr. C. Seward, 20, West Southernhay, Exeter. (Tel.No. Exeter 2110).
(4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis.	- Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

Section VIII	-	Venereal Disease
Location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen.	-	West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance - V.D. Clinic every Thursday 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. Psychiatric clinic - every Thursday each month 3 p.m. by appointment. Customs Offices advise contact direct with M.O.H's surgery or Health Department, West Penwith R.D.C. Penzance.

Section 1X
Table "D"

- Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on ships.

Category.	No. of cases during the year			Number of ships concerned.
	Disease.	Passengers.	Crew.	
Cases land from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X. - Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in ships.

No ships from areasof epidemic malaria visited the Port and I have no observations to make on its occurrence in those ships from foreign Ports visiting Hayle.

Section X1 - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No measures necessary.

Section X11 - Measures against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports.

(1) Procedure for inspection	- Routine examination. Validity of deratting or deratting exemption certificates.
(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents etc.	- Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. No rodents sent for examination during the year.
(3) Arrangements for deratting ships, methods used etc.	- Hayle is not an approved Port for this purpose. If necessary ships directed to Falmouth.
(4) Progress in the ratproofing of ships.	- Nil.

Table "E"

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from Foreign Ports - Nil.

Table "F"

Deratting Certificates & Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from Foreign Ports.

Nil.

Section XIII - Inspection of ships for Nuisances.

Table "G"

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and Number of Inspections.	Notices served		Results of serving notice.
	Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
As in Table "B"	Nil.	Nil	-
Total 39	Nil	Nil.	-

Section XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 - 1948

Not applicable.

Section XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens

Not applicable.

Section XVI. - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.	-	Port M.O.H. in conjunction with District M.O.H. institute procedure prescribed by Section 162 P.H.A.1936.

Mortuary.

During the year 6 bodies have been placed in the mortuary.

Dock installations.

The sanitary facilities and canteens provided by Messrs. Harvey & Co., were visited and found clean and satisfactory.

The dock area is now disinfested against rats by the Health Dept. for Messrs. Harvey & Co., on a recharge basis twice a year.

Both Messrs. Harvey & Co., and the R.D.C. had erected notice boards around Copperhouse Dock prohibiting deposit of refuse.

The use of the old messroom on North Quay was discontinued and the canteen taken over from the Associated Ethyl Co. was brought into use and is a great improvement.